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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Thank you

Our family would like to once again say thank you for your support, prayers, Personal Time Bank hours and money donations during a very long road. Skylar is doing great, is getting better and healthier every day, and started back to school on Oct. 28.

We would like to say a special thank-you to our family at the Spent Nuclear Fuel Project with special Skylar hugs to Judy Van Erem, Mitch and Suzi Vitulli, Colleen Angel, Carol Clark, Kirk Domina and to the PACE Union.

Thank you again for all of your help. It is very much appreciated and will never be forgotten.

Nick, Tami, Desiree and Skylar Collins

Wind energy: Get real!

As a long-term resident of the Tri-Cities and a supporter of the development of nuclear technology, I was sad to see a recent article in the *Reach* ("PNNL to use power produced by local wind farm," Oct. 21). This article made me realize just how far out of touch we have become as we are "led down the path of environmental consciousness."

I'm sure PNNL had good intentions when they wrote this article but I found it very disconcerting. Touting the benefits of renewable energy and how it is both inexpensive and non-problematic for the environment is of course part of the mantra of the green movement and being critical of this is not politically correct.

Since I'm neither a politician nor an executive of a big company I'm still free to speak my mind. Wind energy is not cheap or green! It is heavily subsidized, noisy, land-intensive, material-intensive, a visual blight, and hazardous to wildlife.

Wind power is not a new industry. It has been around for decades, during which time the cumulative taxpayer and ratepayer investment is in the tens of billions of dollars. I for one do not enjoy looking at or listening to

the turbines, I don't like subsidizing them, and as a nature lover, I hate the fact that so many raptors and other birds in our area will be needlessly killed by these "Cuisinarts of the air" (a term used by the Sierra Club).

The closing of the article lists the mix of energy supplies in the Northwest yet fails to mention nuclear power (perhaps the cloud of steam I see every day coming from the Columbia Generating Station is just my imagination). I thought for a minute that I must be reading the *Seattle Times* but no....this was the *Reach* I had in my hands. Imagine that!

*Stan Scott
Fluor Hanford*

Editors' note: For possible impacts on birds, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory spokesman Greg Koller referred us to the Stateline Wind Energy Center Web site at http://www.ppmenergy.com/about_state.html, which asserts that the smooth tubular steel towers with slower-turning blades are less harmful to birds than the older-style turbines. As for the mix of energy suppliers, Koller referred to Bonneville Power Administration documents that indicate that about 67 percent of power used in the Northwest comes from hydroelectric projects, 21 percent from coal-fired plants and 9 percent from natural-gas-fired plants. Although it was not mentioned in the *Reach* article, nuclear plants generate 3 to 4 percent of the electrical power consumed in the Pacific Northwest, whereas the figure for the entire nation is 20 percent. "DOE has directed its sites to purchase 3 percent of their power from green sources by 2005 and 7.5 percent by 2010," Koller said. "Before this purchase, PNNL was purchasing roughly 2 percent of its power from renewable sources. What other green source would be as cost-competitive and would allow us to surpass the DOE goal?" ♦



CLASSES

PROTRAIN offers the following software classes:

- **Network Security Administration 5-Day Course** — Nov. 4-8
- **Primavera Project Management**
 - 602 Resources & Cost Analysis — Nov. 18
 - 603 Managing Project Data — Nov. 19
 - 604 Creating Reports & Graphics — Nov. 20

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- **Microsoft Project 2000** (\$199 per day)
MS Project Level 1 — Nov. 18
MS Project Level 2 — Nov. 19
- **Crystal Reports 8** (\$225 per day)
Introduction — Nov. 14, Dec. 16
Advanced — Nov. 15, Dec. 17.

For more information or to register, call 375-0414.

VPP Workshop scheduled Nov. 19

A Voluntary Protection Program Workshop will be offered Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. The Department of Labor OSHA Region X, Washington (State) Industrial Safety and Health Administration, Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division and the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office will provide information on how VPP can reduce accidents and save money, enhance labor and management relations, create economic benefits and improve safety and health management systems and performance.

Space is limited, so reserve your spot by contacting Noble Atkins at 376-4199 or at noble_j_jr_atkins@rl.gov by close of business Nov. 15.

Learn to deliver effective speeches Nov. 19-20

If you want to equip yourself with the skills to simultaneously be in command of yourself, in touch with your audience, on top of your material and in sync with your visual and verbal aids, you are invited to attend "Say what? How to Deliver Effective Speeches and Presentations," presented by Pam Novak, Cheryl Spears and Mary Frances Lembo. This two-day course will be offered Nov. 19-20 in the Snoqualmie Room of the NSB on the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory campus. Register early; class size is limited to 20 participants. The cost is \$425. For more information and future course dates, visit <http://workshops.pnl.gov/> or contact Mary Wagner at mary.wagner@pnl.gov or at 372-4259. To register, contact Cory Rhoads at cory.rhoads@pnl.gov or at 376-7157. ♦



VAN POOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submission is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day and Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring their passengers are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her security badge, access is denied at the barricade. The individual is required to go to a badging station for a temporary badge or go home to retrieve the badge.

KENNEWICK

Van No. 123 to 200E, 8x9s shift, needs riders. Safe, dependable and friendly. Current stops are 10th and Washington, Huntington Transit Station, Federal Building in Richland, 2101-M, B Plant, 2704-HV, and 2701-HV. Call **Eric** at 373-4497 (home 735-6755) or **Pat** at 373-3142. 10/28

RICHLAND

Van No. 182 is seeking riders, 8x9s, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Leaves the 2440 Stevens Center parking lot (next to the espresso stand) at 6:15 a.m. Drops off at 2750 at 6:40 a.m., and then 2704-HV. Arrives back at 2440 Stevens at 5:05 p.m. Call **David Braun** at 376-6510 or **Bill Cowles** at 376-4725. 10/28 ♦



NEWS BRIEFS

Don't cover your badge when you bundle up

Brrr! It's cold and you had better bundle up. But before you do, remember to put your security badge on after you put on your coat. Even in the cold, your security badge must be in plain view to show you are authorized to enter a Hanford-related facility or a controlled area.

Hanford exhibit opens at OMSI

An exhibit tracing Hanford history from the American Indians through the Manhattan Project, the Cold War and the current cleanup opened at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry at 1945 S.E. Water St. in Portland on Oct. 31. The exhibit will stay at least five years. OMSI is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for anyone 63 and older or 11 and younger. ♦

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LOST & FOUND

A 15-year Fluor service pin has been found. You may claim it at the 2420 Stevens Center receptionist desk.



C A L E N D A R

PTH Bingo Night fund-raiser for United Way

Protection Technology Hanford is sponsoring a bingo night and barbecue on Nov. 7 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Richland Shilo Inn. Tickets are \$20 and include a barbecue dinner and two bingo cards. Prizes include river cruises, hotel and golf packages, a white-water rafting trip and restaurant certificates. Al Bowser, general manager of PTH, challenged his employees to raise \$3,000 for the United Way, in addition to payroll deductions, by Nov. 7. If they succeed, he will have his head shaved at 6:15. So far, PTH employees have raised over \$2,425. For more information, contact Sharon Ciarlo at 376-1194. Ticket sellers are Ciarlo, Yolanda Sanchez at 373-0585, Tonya Garberg at 373-9169, Linda Hindman at 373-2691, Randy Meaders at 373-9177, Linda Rudisill at 373-4759, Larry Johnson at 376-1426 and Lynda Osborne at 372-8134. Last day to purchase tickets is today, Nov. 4. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Hanford Technical Library Tour

Take a tour of the library on Nov. 7 from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Meet in the lobby of the Consolidated Information Center Building at Washington State University Tri-Cities. Find out what services are available to you in the library and on your desktop. For more information, contact Yung Harbison at 372-7453 or at yung.harbison@pnl.gov

Native American heritage events for November

November is Native American Heritage Month, and the Columbia River Professional Chapter of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society is organizing a number of community events to promote Native American awareness.

- **Storytelling** – Nov. 13, 7-8 p.m. at Richland Public Library
- **Speaker and traditional food tasting** – Nov. 14, 10 a.m. Bonnie Jo Conner, director of Tamastlikt Cultural Museum near Pendleton, Ore., speaking at the Federal Building Auditorium; 11:30 a.m. food tasting in Federal Building, room 142
- **Storytelling, flint knapping and artifact displays** – Nov. 16, 1-4 p.m. at Richland Public Library
- **Art Displays** – Nov. 9-16 at the West Richland Library, Nov. 18-25 at the Pasco Public Library, Nov. 26-30 at the Richland Public Library.

A blanket from the Pendleton Woolen Mill will be raffled at the end of the month. The blanket can be seen on display at the various events. Raffle tickets will go on sale Nov. 1, and will be available at all AISES-CRC Native American Heritage Month events or from any AISES-CRC member. For more information contact D. R. Miles, president of AISES-CRC, via e-mail at dr.miles@aisescrc.org, or visit <http://www.aisescrc.org>.

National Association of Purchasing Management meets Nov. 7

The NAPM Columbia Basin chapter meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Richland Shilo Inn will feature speakers John Hall and Julie Waddoups, who will speak on the management, shipment and future of hazardous waste. The meeting begins at 5 p.m. The cost is \$17.50. Contact Hank English at weyman.h.english@wgint.com for more information.

INCOSSE sponsors Umatilla Chemical Depot speaker Nov. 12

The Tri-Cities Chapter of the International Council On Systems Engineering (INCOSSE) will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Richland Library, Gallery Room, for an informative presentation by Rick Kelly, protocol manager for the Washington Demilitarization Company. The presentation will focus on "Systems Engineering and Integration Challenges for the Destruction of Chemical Weap-

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ons at the Umatilla Chemical Depot.” Contact Cal Rinne at 373-6697 or by e-mail if you would like to attend. Non-members are welcome.

AQP and ASQ meet Nov. 12

The Nov. 12 dinner meeting of the local Association for Quality and Participation and the American Society for Quality organizations will feature a presentation by Steven Byers, the director of quality assurance for the Western Institutional Review Board in Olympia, Wash. Byers will describe the role of an institutional review board in protecting the rights and welfare of human research subjects and the application of quality principles and tools at Western Institutional Review Board. The meeting will be held at the Richland Shilo Inn, with check-in and networking at 5:30 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 and the presentation at 7. Cost is \$16 for AQP and ASQ members, \$18 for non-members or \$5 for the presentation only. Make your reservations by Nov. 7 by calling 547-6548, sending an e-mail to gates@3-cities.com, or registering via the AQP chapter’s Web site at <http://www.3-cities.com/~gates/AQPQuest.htm>. Click on “What’s Next” for additional information about the program, speaker and dinner menu.

Battelle to co-host ‘An Afternoon with the Experts’

A seminar and consulting event co-hosted by Preston, Gates & Ellis law firm and Battelle will feature six Seattle-area technology business experts, 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 14, at Gordon Brothers Cellars in Pasco. The seminar will take a case-study format, during which the experts will advise a hypothetical tech start-up company about seeking investment funding, building an experienced management team, creating a public relations and brand awareness campaign, addressing intellectual property issues, and structuring the corporation for maximum value. A face-to-face consultation with the experts will follow until 6:30 p.m. The \$15 fee includes the seminar, consultation with the experts, wine tasting and hors d’oeuvres. Seating is limited. Register by

contacting Gracie Downard at 375-2803 or at gracie.downard@pnl.gov by Nov. 7 to reserve your space. For more information about the event, including the list of expert presenters, visit www.pnl.gov/edo/afternoon.stm or contact Gary Spanner at gary.spanner@pnl.gov or at 372-4296, or Andrea McMakin at andrea.mcmakin@pnl.gov or at 372-6013. ♦



The Kurt Elling Quartet, featuring Grammy-nominated vocalist Kurt Elling and pianist Laurence Hobgood will appear in concert on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Hanford High Auditorium in Richland. The Battelle Staff Association has advanced tickets at the ETB reception desk for \$9. Admission at the door is \$10. Elling and Hobgood will also give a jazz workshop at 3 p.m. on Nov. 9 in the Hanford High School Auditorium. Admission to the workshop is \$10, or \$5 for advance ticket holders. For more information, contact Andy Plymale at plymale@pnl.gov or at 376-8506. ♦



PLEASE MAIL YOUR TICKET REQUESTS TO THE APPROPRIATE LISTED TICKET SELLER — It saves the ticket sellers’ time and your tickets will be sent to you the same day. Do not combine the charge for tickets to two different events on the same check. If you do, it will be returned.

HRA — Questions about the Hanford Recreation Association should be directed to Denise Prior at 376-2258.

HRA DISCOUNTS — Log on to <http://apweb02.rl.gov/hrd/> to find the new discounts.

HERO POLICY FOR NSF CHECKS — Associated non-sufficient fund bank fees will be passed on to check issuers. HERO will not absorb the cost.

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TRI-CITY AMERICAN HOCKEY TICKETS — \$10 for adults, \$7 for students with ASB cards, children ages 3 to 12 and adults 62 and over. Send checks made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS — Limit now 10 per purchase. Carmike tickets are \$5 each with restrictions applying only to Sony DDS movies. Regal tickets are \$5 each and applicable restrictions are identified in the *Tri-City Herald* with a star. Yakima Mercy tickets are \$5 each with no restrictions. Regal and Carmike tickets are valid in Seattle and Spokane as well as the Tri-Cities. For Regal or Carmike tickets, send checks (no cash) made payable to HERO to Linda Meigs (H3-12), Linda Sheehan (T4-40), Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Michelle Brown-Palmore (A7-51), Ginny Wallace (S7-03) or Patti Boothe (T6-04). Sunnyside Movie Theater is now offering tickets for two admissions for one show, for \$9.50 with no show restrictions. These tickets are also good for Ellensburg and Walla Walla. For Yakima Mercy or Sunnyside tickets, send checks (no cash) to Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Jim Hopfinger (S7-39) or Tricia Poland (T5-04).

2003 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE — The book offers 50-percent-off discounts on restaurants, hotels, attractions, merchandise and services, and national values featuring best-known names in retail, travel, cruises, car rentals and airfare for Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, Cheney, Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Post Falls, Prosser, Sandpoint and Spokane. Mail your \$30 check, payable to HERO, to Marvene McChesney (T4-61.)

CHRISTMAS CATALOGS — The Christmas catalogs are available to order Christmas cards. Send an e-mail message to Marvene McChesney to check a book out.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING WEEKEND — Nov. 22-23. The cost is \$80 ppdo. Start your Holiday Shopping in Bellevue. We will leave the Federal Building on Friday (which is our Friday off) at 7 a.m. and arrive at the Bellevue Inn in downtown Bellevue, which is close to Bellevue Square, the surrounding shops, restaurants and theaters. We leave Bellevue Inn on Saturday at noon to return to Richland. A \$25 (non-refundable) deposit is required to reserve your space. The balance will be due by Nov. 18. Only one bus will be going, so get deposits in early. Contact Sheila Kirk to sign up.

LEAVENWORTH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING — Dec. 7. We will leave the Federal Building parking lot at 7 a.m. for Leavenworth to see the Christmas tree lighting and return to Richland around 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$27 per person, which is non-refundable. We are only taking two buses this year, so reserve your spot today. Mail your checks to Ray Dohaniuk at T4-55.

HOLIDAY IN LIGHTS CRUISE — Dec. 14-15. Price is \$110 ppdo. Join us for the "Holiday in Lights Show" cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene. We will board the boat at 4 p.m. The one-hour cruise begins at 4:30. We will be staying at the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Room assignments are all subject to availability. The resort provides a Sunday breakfast voucher for \$10, which includes gratuity and tax. You may use the voucher toward a full Sunday brunch available for \$21.95 plus tax and gratuity. We will leave the Federal Bldg. parking lot at 7 a.m. and travel to the Valley Mall in Spokane for shopping. We will leave the mall at 2 p.m. and travel to Coeur d'Alene for our 3 p.m. check-in. We will leave the resort at noon on Sunday and return to Richland. A \$25-per-person, non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your space. The balance is due by Nov. 30. Only two buses will be going, so get your deposits in early. Contact Marvene McChesney at T4-61.

HERO-SPONSORED CHRISTMAS PARTY — Mark your calendar for Dec. 20. We have a fabulous evening planned at the WestCoast Hotel in Pasco, with the incredible band "Men in the Making," lots of great door prizes, dancing and a wonderful buffet dinner. Price is only \$25 per person. The no-host bar opens at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 and dancing is from 8 until midnight. A photographer will be available. Rooms will be available at the WestCoast Hotel in Pasco at a holiday rate of \$55 (or \$65 including breakfast off the menu). Tickets are available from Nancy Zeuge (X3-74), Sheila Kirk (T4-04), Linda Meigs (H3-12), Tricia Poland (T5-04), Nancie Simon (R2-80) and Jim Hopfinger (S7-39).

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UPCOMING TRIPS

- **Lake Tahoe Ski Trip** — Feb. 23-March 1. The cost is \$899 ppdo, and includes round-trip air from Pasco to Reno, six nights at Harvey's Resort and Casino with portage. Round-trip transportation is available from Reno to South Lake Tahoe, including driver tip. Lift tickets are for one day of skiing at each of the following locations: Heavenly, Kirkwood, Sierra at Tahoe with bus transportation, and Alpine Meadows with bus transportation. A deposit of \$200 pp is due as soon as possible. Space is limited. E-mail Sheila Kirk for information.
- **Spring Break Eastern Caribbean Cruise** — Limited cabins are available. April 5-12. We sail on the Royal Caribbean ship Explorer of the Seas from Miami to Puerto Rico, St. Maarten, St. Thomas and the Bahamas. Prices range from \$790 to \$1,080 per person (based on double occupancy). Deposits are due in October and November. Taxes, transfers and airfare are additional. E-mail Linda Meigs if you're interested.
- **Ski Park City** — Jan. 26-Feb. 1. Round-trip air from Pasco to Salt Lake City, six nights of deluxe accommodations at the Best Western Landmark Inn with daily continental breakfast; daily après ski get-togethers; portage at the hotel and one-day lift tickets (additional) to Park City, the Canyons, Deer Valley, and Snowbasin; transfers; free local shuttle to town and the main three ski resorts and a blow-out reception or farewell. The price is approximately \$670 ppdo without lift tickets; lift tickets are approximately \$200 extra for all four days of skiing. Tours are offered and luge rides may be a possibility for about \$75 pp. Deposit of \$200 pp is due as soon as possible, with final payments due Nov. 22. E-mail Linda Meigs today.
- **California Odyssey** — April 21-27. Join HERO on a California Odyssey. The first three nights will be in Monterey at the DoubleTree Hotel, located at the waterfront. Visit Fisherman's Wharf, tour the Carmel Mission and explore the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Then we will spend two nights at the ocean-front Best Western Cavalier Hotel; dinner is included for one night. We will visit the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse, Hearst Castle, and dine in the famous Eberle Winery wine caves. Next is a day of wine tasting through the Salinas Valley, to Old Mission San Juan Bautista, continuing to the Biltmore Hotel and Suites in San Jose. The Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum and the Winchester House are two of our

stops in San Jose. The price is \$1,398, which includes round-trip airfare from Pasco to San Jose, guided tour, hotel, and transfers. A \$200 deposit is due by Dec. 1 to reserve your spot. For more information e-mail Nancie Simon.

- **Indy 500** — May 22-27. Join us for a six-day, five-night trip to Indianapolis. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn downtown. We will go to the 500 Festival Memorial on Friday, May 23, and attend the 500 Festival Parade on Saturday, May 24. We will be transported to the Speedway on Sunday, May 25. There are no scheduled activities on Monday, May 26, and we'll come home on Tuesday, May 27. The cost is \$950 ppdo land only, and flights will be arranged after December. A \$250 deposit is due by Dec. 1 and the remaining balance is due by Feb. 28. For more information, contact Tricia Poland (T5-04).

- **Vacation of a Lifetime** — Sept. 21-29, 2003. The price is approximately \$2,100, depending on airfare. Tour the French Riviera, Italian Riviera, Monaco, St. Tropez, Cannes, Grasse, and Nice. We will fly roundtrip from Pasco. We only have to unpack once as we will be staying in Nice and taking day trips to all the other exciting places. There will be free time to do your own exploring. Included are seven breakfasts and five dinners. Start saving now for an exciting adventure. E-mail Nancie Simon R2-80 for more information.

- **Cruise the Pacific Northwest** — Oct. 10-13, 2003. The Royal Caribbean Cruise Line will take you roundtrip from Seattle to Vancouver, Canada. This trip is a great way to sample cruising or just have a perfect getaway. Board the ship in Seattle in the afternoon on Friday, Oct. 10, and arrive back in Seattle Monday morning, Oct. 13. Rates start at \$390 per person, based on double occupancy, plus port charges of \$89 and taxes of \$22. The price includes all meals and entertainment on board. Deposits (\$50 per person) are due by March 31. Final payment is due Aug. 1. Contact Tricia Poland (T5-04) for more information.

- **Disney World/Disney Cruise** — Oct. 19-26, 2003. The price ranges from \$1,302 to \$1,852 ppdo, depending on the type of room you want. The price includes round-trip airfare from Pasco, four days in Walt Disney World with entrance into all the parks, a three-day cruise to the Bahamas and Castaway Cay (Disney's private island), taxes and transfers. This trip isn't due to go until next year, but don't wait to send in a \$250 per person deposit to hold your spot. Contact Sheila Kirk for more information. ♦